

**JANUARY**

- 5 R.E. came [R. E. was Robert E. Kirtley, a prominent Baptist minister.]
- 6 Buddy went to court and proved will
- 7 West to Burlington with buddy and was qualified by Judge Hands as Ex of papa's estate. [Buddy was Julia's cousin and brother-in-law, Charles E. Flandrau.]
- 9 Buddy left for St. Paul
- 10 R.E. came
- 18 R.E. came
- 19 do
- 23 put hams in pickle
- 27 went to Burlington with Mrs. Rice & Ella
- 28 Mr. Winston came
- 31 Put up ice

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 R.E. came
- 5 Mr. Winston and Mr. Rice came down and stayed till the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>
- 9 R.E. came
- 13 Sent Peter and John Zimmerman each a barrel of cider at 6.50 per bl.
- 15 Angeline's husband brought me the Ex. box she sent my bonnet in.
- 18 Went to Louisa's [Arnold] to a quilting and from there to Mrs. Roger's. Mrs. Ryle died there that night.
- 20 Went to Mrs. Ryle's funeral
- 21 Mr. Winston came down
- 22 He wrote and I signed the contracts with Mr. Cook and Mr. Klopp and made a verbal contract with Charlie Rockwell. Peter Zimmerman came to lay rock and engaged locust posts. [Zimmerman, Klopp, and Cook were all basket makers for James Dinsmore.]
- 23d Phoebe's baby born [Phoebe, daughter of Ellen Simpson, was the granddaughter of Jilson Hawkins. She had been a slave on the Louisiana plantation before being brought to Kentucky during the Civil War.]
- 24 The appraisers Messrs Arnold, Clore, and Moody came and stayed all day. Columbus Ingram came to tell me about exchanging the deeds for the corners of land he and papa agreed to exchange.
- 25 Dr. Lyle came and pd me for hay 5.35 and I pd. him Angeline's bill of 5.00 and .25 cts for Sally's medicine out of it. [Angeline Taylor was a slave on the Dinsmore farm. After the war she married Lewis Beatty and they moved to Rising Sun, IN]
- 27 Mary started to school. March 25<sup>th</sup> stopped. April 14<sup>th</sup> started again.

**MARCH**

- 1 Went to Rising Sun and pd my bills there.
- 2 Sally and I went to church [Sally Flandrau (born 1866) was the niece of Julia Dinsmore. Her mother, Julia's sister, died when Sally was 6 months old. Julia raised her.]

- 3 Started to go to Dr. Grant's and Aurora but it was so cold I had to turn back. Had meat taken out of brine.
- 4 Had meat hung.
7. Went to Burlington to see Mr. Winston and get him to set the day for my sale, the 27<sup>th</sup>
- 8 R. E. came
- 9 Went to church and afterwards rode down to Mrs. Calvert's and sat up with her that night
- 10 Came home – and sent to Bellevue for Julia who didn't come.
- 11 Julia and the three youngest came. Mr. Klopp came and paid me for my share of baskets [Julia Resor Foster was a schoolchum of Julia's & lived in Clifton.]
- 12 Rode with Mr. Arnold over to the land where Mrs. Loudon lives and got his advice about it.
- 13 Received news of the death of Mary's child Harry Reed.
- 14 Mr. Foster came down and I paid him for the sparkling Catawba 21.00 and for Aunt Nancy's trunk 1.75.
- 15 Mr. Foster and Julia and children left for Aurora. I sent by Julia to Nina the hundred dollars papa told me to give her for him.
- 16 Dr. Grant dined with us. Got Louly's letter [Louly Gibson & her family were close friends of the Dinsmore family from their Louisiana days.]
- 17 We moved back into the other side of the house on account of burning coal. I sent Charlie [Rockwell] and Uncle Jilson [Hawkins] up for the broken buggy. Mr. Cook said he got 9 bushels of oats of Mr. J. Flick.
- 19 Went with Dr. and Mrs. Grant to Petersburg – dined at Frank's. Paid Dr. Terrill's bill \$72.25
- 20 Belle Hill told me of her father's death. [Belle Hill was Isabella Hill. She came to live with the family in the late 1840s and stayed until the late 1870s when she married Sebern Brady. She is also referred to as Hilda or Hilly to distinguish her from the other Isabellas.]
- 21 Ben Graham came. [Ben B. Graham married a schoolchum of Julia's, Anna Spaulding. Anna died in the 1860s but Ben & Julia remained close. He is sometimes referred to as BBG.]
- 23 Belle Hill started for Covington. Mr. Omer Kirtley spent the day.
- 25 Tuesday, Mr. Graham left for Aurora on his way home.
- 26 Mr. Winston and Mr. Dozier Grant came and stayed till 2 days after.
- 27 Thursday – the sale. Mr. E. D. Grant Auctioneer, Esq. L. P. Arnold clerk. Mr. A. G. Winston my atty.
- 28 The three above gentlemen settled the business of the sale and left the same evening. It rains hard to-night and Sally and I are alone as we were the night after Mr. Graham left.
- 29 Went to Mrs. Rice's and engaged milk for the present.
- 30 Sunday – went to Lick Creek for Miss Robinson and brought her home with me, through mud & rain [Miss Robinson did much of the sewing for the family & for other families in the neighborhood.]
- 31 Mr. Sam Wingate came over and agreed to rent the land next to him where Mrs. Loudon lives. Went to Dr. Grant's.

## APRIL

- 1 Storm of wind rain and hail – one of the locust trees nearest the house blew down and part of another.
- 2 Got Charley Rockwell to cut down the rest of the trees by the house and kitchen – also got Mr. Coons [Koons] to chop down the big poplar by the stable.
- 3 Charley & John Coons worked up the trees in the yard – I took Uncle Jilson and went to Burlington to see Mr. Winston. He was not at home but I saw Mr. Calvert. Went to Mr. Mores Rice's and paid his bill 16.00. Got a letter from B.B.G. Got a letter from Buddy telling me of his mother's death on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- 5 Mr. Winston came. Hilda came from Covington.
- 6 Sunday. Sally & I went to church Ernest Grant went with me. Mr. Joe Walton was baptized. R.E. came. Aunt Nancy left for Oxford. [Nancy Mcgruder was a slave bought by Jas. Dinsmore in the 1820s and brought to Kentucky. After the Civil War she moved to Oxford, Ohio, but came back to visit occasionally.]
- 7 Mrs. Ingram came
- 10 Miss Robinson went home
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday but so rainy and cold we could not put flowers on her grave.
- 12 Went to see Mrs. Boone Rogers's sick baby.
- 13 Easter Sunday – Sally and I put flowers on all four graves. Went to church with Miss Robinson in the morning.
- 14 Went to Bellevue to go to the burying but got there after they had started. Uncle Jilson planted a good deal in the garden. This evening we went on cherry hill.
- 15 Got a letter from Louly saying she was coming to make a visit next month. Got letter from B.B.G.
- 16 Went to Bellevue and paid Mr. Daniels' bill.
- 18 Went to D.G. Rice's to see Ras Rice about hedge plants. Tacked down carpet in the company room down stairs at night.
- 19 Went to see Mr. Ed Green to try and buy his willows.
- 20 Sunday. Went to see Mrs. Rice's sick children
- 21 Hilda and I went with Mrs. Clore & America to see Mrs. Will Walton. I bought 6 hams of Mrs. Clore.
- 23 Sudy [Arnold] came and took a lesson. Mrs. Zimmermann came and I paid her 7.50 for the bread Mr. Z. got for me at Gary's for the sale. It rained and hailed this morning and the weather is cold.
- 24 Went to Bellevue to Mr. Daniels' sale.
- 25 Went and paid my bill at Daniels'. After dinner went with Sudy Arnold and Hilda up to Bullitsburg to visit Mrs. Nancy Arnold. Stayed all night. It snowed that day.
- 26 After dinner we came home. Got letter from B.B.G.
- 27 Sunday – Went to Church at the school house in the evening. It rained that night.
- 28 It rained.
- 29 I went to Bellevue and took letters down. Came home and fool-like tied Di by a rope to a tree in the yard and he hurt his foot badly.
- 30 Went to Mrs. Browns' and bought 6 full chickens. Went to Mrs. Ingram's to see about going to Burlington and to get watermelon seeds. Met Amanda Foster coming to see me – she stayed to dinner.

## MAY

- 1 Sent Uncle Jilson after the spring wagon – he brought Minny home with him. Got a letter from Cousin Tom Flandrau telling me about my share of Grandma's estate. Rained this night. [Grandma was Jane Marshall Rucker Maccomb.]
2. Went down in the spring-wagon with Uncle Jilson to take Angeline and Aunt Sally [Taylor – a former slave] to Rising Sun. Came home in a pouring rain. Got a letter in Rising Sun from Mr. James Dinsmore, Sterling, Ill. inquiring about papa's death and family. Old Lily broke down at last. [James Dinsmore was a first cousin of Julia's, the son of her father's brother.]
- 3 I wrote to buddy asking advise (sic) about disposing of my share of grandma's property.
- 4 Sunday – did not go to church. R.E. came after dinner and stayed all night. Mr. John Rogers came with a subscription paper for Mr. Carter. Paid him 5 dollars.
- 5 Poor old Lily died. Wrote to Ludwig Koch about willows and to Mr. James Dinsmore of Ill.
- 6 Went around every where to try and find a horse to hire and couldn't.
- 7 Dr. Grant came. Got letters from buddy, enclosing letter from Cousin Tom about Grandma's death and her estate. Raining. Wrote to Cousin Tom Flandrau telling him to act on buddy's advice in the disposal of my interest in grandma's estate.
- 8 Rained nearly all day at intervals. (Got my plants out of the cellar and replanted them) Wrote to Cousin Wm. [William Dinsmore was Julia's second cousin. He lived in a 91-room house overlooking the Hudson River and was president of the Adams Express Company.]
- 9 Rained nearly all day.
- 10 Bought bedstead from Mrs. Lyle. Got letter from B.B.G. It was a beautiful day but cool. Sent buddy a large envelope enclosing the letters and papers he sent me relating to his mother's death and her property.
- 11 Went to church with Miss Robinson. It rained a little. R. E. came home with me and stayed all night. We took a long walk in the evening over the hills by Mrs. Loudons.
- 12 I bought Mr. Ed Green's willows – the bargain was made at the blacksmiths shop in Bellevue. Mr. Corbin being witness to it. I am to pay him nine cents delivered at the basket shop. We took up the carpet in the dining room. I planted my tube roses.
- 13 Papa and mamma's wedding day. Bless their dear souls. I hope they are happy together in Paradise this day. Sudy came and took her lesson. Got letter from Patty
- 14 Put the carpet down in the dining room. Mr. Klopp came up and told me the price of willows is ten cents – that he sold his to Puff for that.
- 15 Went to Mr. Wm Grant's to see about willows. Went to Mr. Hensley's and bought his crop at 10 cents a pound delivered at the basket shop. They are to be hauled here week after next. I went to Mrs. Foster's on my way home. Got a letter from Ludwig Koch about his willows. Got a letter from Belle.
- 16 Mr. Edward Green delivered 4640 lbs willows at 9 cents a pound. Col. Botts was present at the weighing and kept account for Mr. Green. I paid Mr. Green \$200 and gave him my note for \$217.60 due May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 17 Mr. Moreland came and I asked him to raise some money within three weeks.
- 18 Sunday – Mr. Klopp went to Petersburg to see Mr. Wm Grant's willows. I saw him at Willoughby at meeting, but we didn't come to any agreement.

- 19 Rained last night and this morning. I got Uncle Jilson to help mow and worked in the graveyard. Sodded papa's grave.
- 20 Rode to Woolper and engaged Dr. Terrill's willows at 9 cents. Went to Dr. Grant's on my way home and engaged his.
- 21 Started with Uncle Jilson on horseback and went to Aurora. Crossed Woolper on the ferry and took the cars at Aurora for Cinti. Got to Clifton that evening.
- 22 Mr. Foster took me in to Cinti, with him in his buggy – went to see Messrs Wm. Glenn & Co. to settle up Papa's account with them. Mr. Dymond was the partner who attended to it for me in the most polite manner. Went to Mr. Resor's on the same business – Will Resor gave me \$67 of my interest money due for May & Nov of last year.
- 23 Went to see Sally Gray – found her poorly – went to town with Mrs. Robert Brown and then dined with Sally who sent me home afterwards. Went with Julia and the rest that evening to the festival at the widow's home.
- 24 Went to young Dr. Taylor dentist and had my teeth filled paid him twelve dollars for an hour & three quarters work. Did some shopping. Went to funeral.
- 25 Sunday – stayed at home with Julia – was tired out and not well.
- 26 Julia went in town with me and we stayed in most of the day. She went round with me to see the tombstone men and I ordered mine at White's on Fifth St. Went to see Mrs. Ponneford (Sally Graham) and did some shopping.
- 27 Julia took me to Cinti in the carriage. We stopped at Glenn's and they pd me all that was due papa's estate \$624.31, and I receipted for it. I went to Mr. Resor's and Will paid me \$35 – for my interest of May this year. They had a balance of \$202 due papa which I left in their hands. I gave Julia 25 dollars for Hilda for Mr. Foster to keep til Mr. Fisk should send for it. It poured as I got in the boat and after. The boat didn't leave till about five and I didn't get home till 9 or after that night. I found at home a lovely letter from Cousin Wm and a letter from Belle – and a postal card from B.B.G.
- 28 Mr. Edward Green came soon in the morning with some small willows 180 lbs which I bought at 6 cents and I paid him all I owed him \$228.40. Dr. Terrill and Dr. Grant brought their willows and I had them weighed and paid them as my book and their receipts will show. Weighed Mr. Klopp's willows and engaged them at 10 cents to be paid for in time.
- 29 Wrote to Julia and to B.B.G. Went to Bellevue in the spring wagon and pd \_\_\_ Corbin for the collar &c. Hilda & Mr. Robinson went to Burlington – this evening – I settled with Miss R. and paid her \$5.95. Mr. Rogers did some ploughing in the garden for me. Charlie was breaking up his tobacco ground with Dr. Grant's horses. Mr. Hunt brought me the first ripe cherries.
- 30 Mr. Joseph C. Hensley came and delivered his willows and I paid him \$406.75. Miss Robinson went home. It turned very cool this evening. Mr. W. H. Grant's son came to see me about buying his father's willows but I did not want them.
- 31 Wrote to Cousin Rebecca. Got a barrel of flour at Hewitt's. Letter from C.B.

## **JUNE**

- 1 Sunday – Tiresome as usual.

- 2 Scott Rice came before breakfast and paid me 3.00 for the harrow. I rode all around trying to find horses and got 1 horse from Boone Rogers which Charley worked from 2 p.m.
- 3 Uncle Jilson ploughed with Billy today for the first time. We went to Bellevue in the wagon and left my saddle to be padded.
- 4 Put the matting down in the passage today. Carried my note to Theodore Cook down and gave it to Mrs. Cook. It is for the \$250.00 I borrowed of him May 30<sup>th</sup> to help pay Mr. Hensley, and is drawn payable in three months at 6 percent. Very hot yesterday and today.
- 5 Hilda went to Rising Sun today. I put away the furs and winter things. Got a letter from BBG, also one from buddy telling me Patty would start home the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6 Rode Di today for the first time since his foot was hurt. Went to Dr. Grant's and got him to let me have horses for next Monday for Charlie to break up his ground. Went to Swartz's and paid him 1.90 for 250 bricks. Stopped at Mrs. Lum Ingram's to see about going to Burlington. Mr. Moreland brought me \$50.00. I pd. him 15.00.
- 7 Mr. Hunt took some cherries to Bellevue to try and sell them – sold only a few. Got a letter from Mary C.
- 8 Sunday – Went to church and took Sally. R. E. came home with me and stayed all night.
- 9 Paid Mr. Hunt for 3 weeks milk, 1.25. Went to Burlington with Mr. & Mrs. Lum Ingram and exchanged deeds for the corners of land he and papa exchanged. Went to see Mr. Winston. Got copy or rather two copies of the order of court qualifying me as Ex. Had the seal of the court put on one to send to Messrs. Wm. Glenn & Co. Cin. It was lovely riding, the air full of perfume of clover & wild grape blossoms. Had a shower in the evening and saw a partial rainbow on the way home. Uncle Jilson brought 125 bricks home from Swartz's. When in Burlington I paid the county clerk all fees due him and settled in full to date.
- 10 Sent the letter to Glenn & Sons inclosing the proof of my authority as Ex. Note to Julia sending a message to Mr. T. about the tombstones. Paid Logan 1.50 for 600 potato plants bought of Slaughter. Took 550 cabbage plants of Charlie Rockwell at 25 cts. Charlie planted tobacco today. Charlie took Dr. Grant's horses home – he has worked them 3 days. It is raining this evening and has been showery all day.
- 11 Uncle Jilson got 100 potato plants from Slaughter for me and the same for himself. I had a letter from Sarah. It rained part of the day. I went to see Mrs. Roberts who is sick.
- 12 Mrs. Adams came. Sent letter to Mr. J. Dinsmore. Went to Bellevue in the wagon in the evening and went to see Mrs. Clore who is sick. Got a letter from Cousin Wm. and one from John Zimmerman's boy about pasturing cows. Cousin Rebecca telling me about Patty. Stopped at Mrs. Rice's and paid her 1.00 for butter, and got 2 ½ lbs. [Cousin Rebecca was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Charles E. Flandrau. Patty Flandrau (born 1861) was staying with her father & step-mother for the school year.]
- 13 Mr. Rice came over and lent me a part of a brier scythe and whetstone. He also told me to see about the clover.
- 14 Expected company and made cake and cleaned silver but no company came. Theodore Roberts came and brought his willows for which I paid him 7 cents – in all

- \$17.71. Mr. Klopp asked me to pasture his brother's horse for him which I engaged to do at 1.50 a month. Sudy took lesson and Ella Smith came over with butter.
- 15 Sunday – Didn't go to church. Went to see Mr. Wingate about clover. I had been pasturing 7 hogs for the Burns boys for 4 weeks. Agreed to let him cut it on shares and to sell him my half at the price agreed upon by two men, one he chooses one I choose. Mr. Cook, R.E. came.
  - 16 I go to Cincinnati by way of Aurora. Get to Julia's by 1 o'clock.
  - 17 Cousin Rebecca and Patty arrive on the morning train to my joy.
  - 18 Patty and I went home on the 5 o'clock boat. No one met us as usual but Dr. Grant and Mr. Terrill lent us horses.
  - 19 Mr. Cook hauled the first clover hay for me and put it in the barn. I got him to haul the willows from the barn to the shop which he said he would charge me \$1.50 for doing.
  - 20 nothing particular
  - 21 Mail day and I sent letters to BBG and Nina [Cochran, a first cousin], Julia and Belle. The Arnold children came. I gave Jilson an order for \$2.50 on Hewitt to be settled with Mr. Hunt. Got a letter from BBG.
  - 22 Sent by Mary the rest of the money due for her schooling, \$1.75. Dr. Grant and Ernest came and took dinner. I went with Mrs. Adams to Mrs. Burns's.
  - 23 The children went up on cherry hill. Mrs. Brown came and Mr. Brown. I got the tub mended.
  - 24 Mrs. Loudon and Mrs. Coons washed. The heifer had a calf. Mrs. Adams went to Bellevue and sent her basket on the boat. Pat went riding with Mr. B.
  - 25 Intensely hot.
  - 26 Mr. Hunt began to milk for me at half a dollar a week. Mrs. Adams went away in the morning. Sue and the baby and the nurse came in the evening. [Susan Goodrich Tew was a first cousin to Julia and the sister to B. F. Goodrich. Orphaned at 10 years old, she came to live with the Dinsmore family. Her nickname was Ush.]
  - 27 Mr. and Mrs. Brown started for Rising Sun in the evening but a hard rain overtook them and they stopped at Mr. Garret Van Ness's and stayed all night. Di was kicked by one of the Dutch people's horses and hurt.
  - 28 Saturday morning while we were at breakfast Mr. & Mrs. Brown came back and stayed till evening when they went to Bellevue to take the mail boat. Minny told me she would have to go home Thursday. Got a letter from buddy telling me about BBG. Got letter from him. Got letter from Dr. R. proposing to come here and stay with me.
  - 29 Sunday – Little Ush not very well. Bought fish of Sam Jackson. Wrote to BBG.
  - 30 Wrote to buddy about what he told me. Wrote to Dr. Raymond. It rained a little today.

## **JULY**

- 1 Went to see a girl named Caroline Utz to try and get her to work for me.
- 2 Horace Grant and Hal Bennett came and told about Dr. Grants' having sold. It rained right hard at night.
- 3 Had a fine shower early in the morning. Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Lillard spent the day. I went to see Mr. Klopp about the corn – and planted out 8 pepper plants he gave me. Told Mr. Hunt to begin to save the milk of the heifer.
- 4 Hard rain in the evening.

- 5 Went to Rising Sun on a hunt for a cook. Got letter from Messrs Wm. Glenn & Sons acknowledging receipt of certificate of court.
- 6 Sunday – Went to Mr. Sam Wingate’s son Green’s funeral. R. E. came. Got Spalding’s picture.
- 7 Bought first blackberries. The Aylor cow had a calf last night.
- 8 Wrote a letter to Hilda’s lawyer at her request.
- 9 Mr. Coons began to cut thistles in the pasture. Mr. Cook hauled to the stable the first load of Timothy off cherry hill. Went to Bellevue before breakfast. Got letter from BBG and from buddy. Went to Mr. Loudon’s to see her sick boy. Mr. Scott Rice lent me his two dock spades.
- 10 Rode up on cherry hill to look at the hay. Mr. McGoffin of Rising Sun came and fixed the cistern and I engaged him to repair the gutters and bring tile to lay to let the water in the cisterns – he is to charge me in the neighbourhood of \$50.00. I went up to Mr. Moreland to see if he could let me have any money but he didn’t. He promised some when he should sell his wheat.
- 11 Went to Bellevue in the spring wagon and brought Mandy out [Mandy was either the daughter of Sally Taylor. Born a slave, she married Isaac Sanders & moved to Rising Sun with her family.] She has been ill with almost cholera. Paid my account at Corbin’s. Uncle Jilson brought up the bricks from Mr. Maurer’s. Mr. Scott Rice came out and borrowed my watch. Sue and I went to Louisa’s.
- 12 Got letter from buddy enclosing draft for children for \$100.00. Got letter from White about tombstones. Aggy Rice came and stayed all night.
- 13 Sunday – Mr. Tew came – R. E. came. Johanna Rockwell had a girl baby. There was a storm of rain thunder & lightning at night.
- 14 R. E. went home. Sue and Mr. Tew started to see Dr. Grant but Sue found the roads so bad she came home.
- 15 I went to Aurora with Mr. Tew and Uncle Jilson – was caught in a hard rain. Went to the Aurora bank and got buddy’s draft cashed - \$100.00. Paid Dr. Sutton his bill and got receipt for \$10.00 – rode Di home.
- 16 Had Mr. Coons here today working to prepare for Mr. McGoffin who comes in the evening with gutters, tile etc. This morning I got a letter from BBG and answered it at night. Sue’s child sick all night.
- 17 Mr. McGoffin was working all day at the gutters &c. Mr. Coons was helping him. Late in the evening Charley worked – I sent to Mr. Ben Calvert and bought on credit a barrel of Louisville cement. Wrote to buddy to ask rest of draft for \$100. Mr. Rice came over in the morning and brought my watch back.
- 18 Mr. McGoffin worked all day and finished the gutters, cistern, drain &c. His bill was \$71.55 and I paid him 40.00 and he said he would wait on the rest till I could pay him. Charley and Mr. Coons worked all day. Dr. Grant came today but only stayed a little while. Charley’s baby is so sick he has to have the Dr. for it.
- 19 Mr. Coons & Charley cleared the kitchen cistern. Dr. Grant came and brought Mr. Bristow to tune the piano and I paid Mr. B. 5.00. Sent letter to BBG. Ernest and Dr. Jimmy Grant came to call. Nina Cochran came down from Cincinnati. Got a letter from buddy about Hilda’s affairs.
- 20 Sunday – Nothing particular – a long, lonely day.



- 21 Canning blackberries and busy all day. Hilda went to Burlington and Betty Rice went with her. Wrote to Belle Raymond. [Belle Dinsmoor Raymond was the granddaughter of Julia's great uncle, Silas Dinsmoor. Orphaned at about 12 years old, she spent much time with her cousins in Boone County. She married Dr. McHenry Raymond. Also referred to as Cousin Belle.]
- 22 Uncle Jilson went to Rabbit Hash and Rising Sun after cans for Sue. Got some at McGoffin's which didn't suit. I worked in blackberries all day.
- 23 Isaac [Sanders, had been a slave & was living in Rising Sun] came up and I sent the barrel of cans back to McGoffin's by him. Worked in the kitchen all day. Was sad to the very bottom of my heart.
- 24 Sent back McGoffin's can wax ladle by Isaac – bought one bucket blackberries – sewed on shirtwaists.
- 25 Got letter from Lizzie Dinsmore. [Lizzie was a first cousin to Julia, the daughter of her father's brother.] Sewed on shirt waists and put up jelly.
- 26 Sewed and wrote to Lizzie. Got letter from BBG.

Memorandum of Bk. stocks belonging to Mrs. Alex<sup>r</sup> Macomb's estate.

Band Washington.....\$5240

Metropolitan.....3300

Farmers & Mechs.....5500

Corporation Stock Washington1600

total.....\$15,640 The real value of which is \$12,000 or \$13,000. My share is 8.

Mr. Scott Rice got first of osage orange plants 612, afterwards, 1200.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1873 Made a verbal contract with Charlie Rockwell in presence of Mr. Winston and Jacob Klopp to this affect – Charlie to have the cabin where he is now staying – his firewood, his little garden patch over by the cabin he formerly occupied, and pasture for one horse. He is to have the piece of land he had in tobacco last year for tobacco this. I am to furnish one horse to help break the ground and he is to give me one third of the tobacco – stripped and ready for sale. One little scrap of land not cleared up for use, he is to clear and have all the crop that grows on it. He is to have the sandfield next to the tobacco patch and give me half the corn and half the stalk field. Is to gather and deliver my half of the corn. Is to work for me by the day when I wish it at times that will not interfere with his crop.

- 27 Sunday – A quiet day, nothing particular.
- 28 Sewed – Ellen [Hawkins Simpson Ebberson/Edwards] finished one kettle of soap. Went to Louisa's in the evening to call on Mrs. Arnold from Woodford. Heard of Mrs. Nancy Kirtley's death.
- 29 Wrote to Cousin Wm. – sent back the Bishop's address to BBG. Ellen finished another kettle of soap. Hilda got a letter from the Pres. Canal Bank, New Orleans informing her that her father had an account there.
- 30 Went to Mr. Will Allen's to see Mr. Howe about making the foundation for the tombstones. Went to see Aunt Sally and Mrs. Burns who are both sick. Sewed some and rode to Mr. D. G. Rice's in the evening to see Mr. Howe who said he would lay

the foundations for me. Scott Rice told me he would engage white seed wheat for me from his brother Morgan. Solon Rice said he would come and pay his note tomorrow.

31 Solon D. Rice came and paid me his note of \$180.00 which was executed the day of my sale. As he paid it 2 months before it was due, he discounted it at 8 per cent and paid me cash of \$177.60. Mrs. Nancy Arnold and Miss Molly A. came and stayed a little while before dinner. I paid Hilda \$8.00 the last of what I owed her.

## AUGUST

- 1 Mr. Kirtley came and stayed all night. R.E. left, Scott Rice came and engaged some locust posts. I went to Mr. Cooks and engaged him to haul rock to the graveyard.
- 2 Nothing particular. Uncle Jilson sold .80 worth of watermelons.
- 3 Sunday – Went to church with Nina and R.E. came home and stayed all night.
- 4 Mr. Cook began to haul rock. Jesse Dolph came out and told me about coal. Election day. Wrote to Banner of Light Pub. House to renew subscription. Hilda and Patty went to Rising Sun.
- 5 Told Mrs. Loudon to turn her house in the willow patch – on condition she will turn it out at any time I tell her. Scott Rice had the locust timber hauled out of the front yard and bought posts for his coal bin for which he paid me \$11.50 and deducted 7.90 for 2 bushels of Timothy seed he brought me from Aurora yesterday. I went over to Louisa's to ask old Mrs. Garnett to let me haul sand from her creek. Saw Louisa's baby boy born yesterday. Got Cousin Mary Goodrich's letter asking for specimen of Cashmere wool.
- 6 Mr. Tim Howe came and began to lay the foundations for the gravestones. Mr. Hunt worked to-day helping him and Charley Rockwell half a day. Mr. Cook hauled lime, water &c. I went to the basket shop to see Mr. Klopp about the message Boone Rogers sent to me regarding the coal, and the wine. Cousin Nina made me a present of a porcelain picture of sister Belle. [Referring to Isabella Dinsmore Flandrau (1830-1867) the deceased mother of Patty & Sally.]
- 7 Mr. Howe worked at the foundations with Mr. Hunt helping him all day and Charley half.
- 8 Mr. Howe finished the foundations and I paid him for 3 ½ days work at 3 dollars a day making \$7.00. He returned me \$1.50 to pay his board at Mr. Cook's. I went to see Mrs. Cook about paying her and she said Mr. Cook had set it down on his account. Must ask him what it is. Scott Rice came and bought a stick of locust timber 12 feet long – for \$1.20. Mr. James Aikin picked 11 barrels of apples on cherry hill and paid me 11 dollars. I went up on cherry hill and looked at the grapes. Concords rotting badly. Belle and Dr. Raymond came.
- 9 Very hot day – rain storm in the evening. Got a letter from Alfred White telling me the tombstones would be down Aug 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 10 Sunday – Went before breakfast to see Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Burns who got hurt the day before. Came home and went to church with Dr. Raymond. R.E. came and stayed all night.
- 11 After R.E. left I went to Petersburg with Dr. Raymond – to Mrs. Graves's to see E. Grant – found him poorly but better. Saw Mrs. Windell. Patty sick in the night.

- 12 Engaged Mr. Cook to haul out the gravestones. The man came and brought them. Mr. Cook told me he would charge me 9.60 or 9.00 for hauling stone sand water &c. He and Andy worked till dark for they had to take two loads. Got letter from B.B.G.
- 13 White's man came out from Bellevue this morning and set the gravestones. Charlie Rockwell helped him and he and Mr. Cook & Andy worked till the dinner horn blew. The man charged me and I paid him \$8.50. Charley worked the rest of the day cleaning up and chopping. Dr. Raymond came back from Florence and he and Belle and I went to see Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Burns.
- 14 My big baby's birthday. Went with Dr. Raymond & Pat and brought Mrs. Adams here to take care of her. Went with Dr. R. to Bellevue to pay old Mr. Hewitt's bill. Paid him \$30.15 and found afterwards the bill was wrong by 2.00. Billy ran off with the buggy and broke it. Old Uncle Jilson laid up with rheumatism in the foot. White's man sent down on the boat the footstone for sister Belle's grave in place of the other which was wrongly marked.  
Told Jesse Dolph not to credit any of the tenants without they had orders from me.
- 15 Ben Graham came.
- 16 Mr. Klopp put his brother's horse on the pasture. Mr. Tew came.
- 17 Sunday – It rained in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rice came over in the evening. Mr. Graham and I rode up on cherry hill.
- 18 A lovely day – in the evening we played croquet and afterwards Mr. Graham and I walked up on cherry hill. In the morning the gentlemen went to Mr. Rice's to get watermelons.
- 19 Ben Graham went away. I got up at 4 and had early breakfast for him and Dr. Raymond, who wanted to take the train in Aurora. Got a letter from Louly Gibson. Got note from Mr. Rice with sample of seed wheat.
- 20 Went to Burlington to see Mr. Winston found him sick in bed and could n't attend to my business. Belle went with me. Stopped at Mr. Wm Walton's and left word with Mrs. W about the boys. Wrote to Louly Gibson. Old Mr. Terrill had his sale.
- 21 R.E. came and spent the day and night. I told him the news Hilda told me. We played croquet. I got a letter from B\_\_. Ella Smith came over and got half a bushel of Timothy seed pr her father for which she paid 1.90.
- 22 R.E. left. Mr. Hunt worked cleaning the wine cellar & barrels. We played croquet in the evening.
- 23 Mrs. Adams walked down stairs and around. Dr. Jimmy came and said Dr. Grant was sick. I packed for Patty. Got letter from Church & Co.
- 24 Sunday – Papa's birthday, I hope he is spending it happily with all he loves in a better world than this. I packed Patty's trunk. Dr. Raymond and Belle went to Dr. Grants, in the buggy with Di. He ran off and threw them both out and they were both hurt. They were taken into Mr. Ingram's and brought home.
- 25 Dr. Grant and Dr. Jimmy Grant came. Dr. Grant said he would see about getting seed wheat for me – and offered to sell me Jane. Sue and Mr. Tew went away and took Patty with them. Mr. Klopp went to Cinti to see about the basket market. I got the \$100.00 that buddy sent for the children changed and gave Sue \$60.00 for Patty. I paid Patty what I owed her out of my own money.

- 26 Got a paper from B.B.G. with account of the Portland fire. I worked hard all day cleaning the house. Mr. Daniels came and stayed to supper. Mr. Hunt began to make wine.
- 27 Dr. Raymond went to Rising Sun. I cleaned the house and cut out Aunt Eliza's dress.
- 28 Dr. Raymond went to Florence – he rode Di and left Billy for me. Got letter from B.B.G. Mr. Klopp came back from Cinti bringing a barrel of flour &c.
- 29 I worked up in the graveyard. Charlie Rockwell worked till ¼ past 2 o'clock chopping down trees &c.
- 30 Uncle Jilson went to Bellevue and brought out the wine tub that came on the boat.
- 31 Sunday. Dr. Raymond came back.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Mr. John House from Aurora came and bought two bushels of quinces and paid me 2.00. Old Mr. McMullen came and took his lumber &c. that he bought at the sale. Mr. Corbin brought freight bills which I paid.
- 2 Dr. Raymond went to Florence. Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's and spent the day. I got a letter from Patty. Sally had her second tooth pulled.
- 3 Dr. Grant and wife, Miss Lou & the children and their company came and spent the day. Uncle Jilson upset the spring wagon and broke it again.
- 4 Sent Spring wagon to be mended my face is all swollen up on the right side. Edward Grant and his wife and Mrs. Graves came after dinner and made a call.
- 5 Sold Mr. Klopp 40 bushels of corn at 40 cents – am to be paid at our settlement when he comes home with the basket money. Went to Mrs. Rice's to see her about the wheat. R.E. came and stayed all night. Aunt Sally came.
- 6 Mrs. McKenzie and two children and Kate Lears came and spent the day. Nina Cochran came. Got letters from Mary Humphreys, buddy and Julia. Sudy Arnold came.
- 7 Sunday – It rained a little. Dr. R. came back – from Florence. R.E. came and stayed all night.
- 8 Dr. Raymond went back to Florence. Mr. Moreland sent down some of my share of grapes, and we sat up till 12 to get them ready to can the next day. Mr. Klopp went to Cinti with a large shipment of baskets for which he expects to get about 1300.
- 9 Mr. Scott Rice came over to see me about the seed wheat. I stopped at Mrs. Rice's on my way to Bellevue and to Corbin's where I bought a churn and paid for other things. Sent 7 sacks and a rope to Mr. Rice's in the evening, to be used in hauling my wheat. Mr. Moreland sent down some more grapes. Got a note from Mr. House with two blue ribbons that the grapes took at the Aurora fair. Got a letter from my baby and one from B.B.G. This is my beloved mother's birthday.
- 10 Mr. Rice sent me or rather brought the wheat – 30 bushels, in 10 of his barrels which I must return. Belle and Nina and I worked all day canning grapes and making jelly. It is Susie's birthday – bless her pure soul. [Susan Dinsmore, Julia's younger sister, died in 1851 at the age of fifteen in a boating accident on Lake Erie.]
- 11 Got up at ½ past three – to have breakfast ready for Nina who went with Mr. Cook to Cov and started at 10 minutes of five. Went to work at cooking grapes but had to stop. Mr. House the fruit man from Aurora came with his wife and child and stayed to dinner. Mr. H. brought me \$2.50 the premium on my grapes at the Aurora fair. Mr.

John E. Walton came and spent the day. He offered to buy the field of corn. Went with Mr. Walton to look at the tobacco which Charlie had just hung on the barn. Aunt Sally went home.

- 12 Cooked in the kitchen making jelly. Rode to Mr. Wingate's to see him about putting in wheat which he declined doing. Took Uncle Jilson with me and rode through the willow patch to see about Mr. Cook's hogs and about cleaning it up this fall. Was tired out and had a headache. Mr. Klopp came up after dark to settle but I asked him to wait till morning.
- 13 Mr. Klopp came up and brought me my share of the basket money. I paid him what I owed him for willows 154. and paid Mr. Cook the 250.00 I borrowed from him the 30<sup>th</sup> May to pay Mr. Hensley also settled for the corn he bought from me – also for the barrels gr\_\_ rice &c that he bought for me in Cinti. A barrel of brown sugar and half-barrel of white came out in Mr. Cooks wagon for me and I got 25 lbs coffee from Mr. Klopp. I went over to Mr. Scott Rice's to pay him for the wheat but he was not at home. R.E. came and stayed all night and brought me as a present his brother's book. Mr. Cook told me to credit him on my account with the 4.40 interest due him.
- 14 Sunday – Went to Church with R.E. he came home and stayed to dinner and then went to Mr. Brady's. Dr. Raymond and I rode up to Dr. Grant's.
- 15 Went to Rising Sun in the spring wagon with Dr. Raymond and Sally. Took Mandy to have her teeth out. Saw Miss Kate Kirtley at Rabbithash. Paid Mr. Ben Calvert for barrel of cement.
- 16 Wrote to Mary H. Dr. Raymond went to Petersburg. A man named Ad. Robbins came to see about renting the land Mr. Wingate has. I made cucumber catsup.
- 17 Finished making my catsup and made Catawba jelly. Went to bed tired out. Mr. Swartz came to offer to sell me a horse which I did n't want. Made bargain with Charlie about apples.
- 18 Went over to Mr. Rice's to pay him for the wheat – found him not at home. John E. Walton came with Mr. Cook. Mr. Walton bought from Mr. Cook and me all our partnership corn. The fields across the road to be hogged at 1.75 per head for the month of 28 days – except 12 shoats which are to be taken at 1.25 a month. The large field next Mr. Walton's is to be sold at 1.75 a barrel gathered in due season and good condition and I am to let it be put in the lower corn crib. Mr. Walton is to be satisfied with regard to the measure. He is to buy the stalk field at 1.00 an acre. He is to pay me my share when the hogs are sold. Mr. Cook engaged to attend to the hogs while they are fed on the place. I am not to have any care, responsibility or expense about them, Mr. Cook doing my share towards attending to them as an equivalent for not having to gather and deliver my share of corn. Mr. Cook notified me he was going to leave in Nov. and that his house would be vacant and at my disposal by the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Mr. Klopp having bought in partnership with his brother, Mr. Swartz's farm on Woolper, Mr. Joe Maurer this evening proposed to continue making baskets for me or to rent the shop and house. Dr. Raymond made inquiries for me of Mr. Ben Calvert about the man named Bobbins, and left word at Mr. Mock's that I would not want him. Wrote to Sarah.
- 19 Mr. Moreland brought me as payment on his note \$35.00. Mr. Hunt and wife came to see me about his account – and to show me the wine in the cellar which he lays at 460 gallons. There are only two barrels of Concord which marked with chalk. Mr. Scott

- Rice came over and I paid him for the 30 bushels of seed wheat \$35.25. He talked of the basket business &c. I went to Mr. Arnold's to see him about the price of sowing wheat in corn. At night heard Charlie chopping a tree and heard it fall.
- 20 Went to the basket shop and talked a little with Mr. Klopp about the basket business. Solon Rice came to see me about the oxen. I went to see Mr. Cook about putting in wheat but found him gone. Took Mrs. Adams home to Mrs. Burns's. Left Sally at Louisa's on the way home. Charley told me the tree cut was a line. I feel sure it is on John E. Walton's land. Frost this morning. Uncle Jilson is cutting sweet potatoes vines. John E. Walton turned his hogs in on the corn this morning. Mr. Cook says Mr. Walton turned in 66 head and Mr. Cook 6 of his own. No mail came.
- 21 Sunday – Stayed at home. The last grapes were picked & eaten. I went down to see the hogs – found they had n't water. Told Mr. Cook to fix the fence so the hogs could get to the pond. Mr. Arnold was passing and I asked him – he told me to have the fence built out to the pond. Went to Mr. Cook and asked him about putting in wheat. Dr. Raymond went to Bellevue to try and go to Cinti. on the boat to night. I sent by him a barrel of the old wine to be left on the wharf boat at Lawrenceburg for Martin Keller. Charlie Rockwell cut and scaffolded the last of the tobacco to-day – fearing frost would catch it.
- 22 Raining at last, thank goodness. Charlie Rockwell making cider. Mr. Cook let me have one of his empty wine barrels and is to charge me a dollar – says Mr. Hunt took one of his also for which he will charge the same. Belle helped me cut out the redingote of my new dress. [A redingote is a full length dress that is open down the middle to expose the dress underneath.] In the evening we cut pepperhash. It rained all day.
- 23 Mr. House and Mr. Rice came over and Belle and I went up on cherry hill. Mr. House agreed to take the apples there next week except the Levitan's and another kind and what Canada Reds I want for my own use at 1.00 a barrel, he to pick and haul. Rode up to see Mr. Winston – found him at home and sick and he had company too. Dr. Raymond came back from Cinti. and rode out to meet me. Came home more discouraged than usual and rode along in the dark and mud crying. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 24 Went to Mr. Arnold's – he advised me to put the wheat in. Went to Mr. Cook's – found him not at home. At Mr. Arnold's saw Mrs. Wood Arnold and her sweet baby. Went to Jesse's and paid him a bill of 23.40, one dollar of which was for Belle. Mrs. Loudon was here. Met Mr. House in the road and got him to ride to see the apples on the hill beyond the table – he agreed to take them at the same rate. Mr. Cook came up in the evening and said he would put in the wheat. Charley finished making cider. He got 4 barrels from Mr. Klopp at a dollar apiece.
- 25 It rained in the night. I made tomato catsup. Dr. Jimmy Grant came and paid his father's sale note of \$43.90. A young man (probably Mr. Quick) came and paid the sale note of Clarence Quick, \$16.75. In the evening R. E. came and stayed all night.
- 26 Started Mr. Cook, Mr. Coons, Charley Rockwell and one of Mr. Cook's boys up to the field next Mr. Wingate's to put in wheat. They worked there half a day – sowed about 3 bushels of wheat and gave it up as a bad job. I engaged Mr. Coons to work the other half of the day picking up the corn. In the evening Dr. Raymond came home.

- 27 Charley at work cleaning out the cistern by the house. Hester Horton came to get the money for 54 lbs. handle \_ows and I gave it to Andy Cook for her, \$1.35. Mr. Klopp and Mr. Maurer came up to talk about running the basket shop another year. Mr. Walton came today and put in 9 head of hogs making in all 75 of his. Mr. Cook put in 2 more of his hogs. Little Mary took sick this morning and died about \_ o'clock. Dr. Raymond waited on her. Dr. Jimmy Grant to see her and Dr. Grant. It is supposed she had spotted fever. Poor child. I hope she is happy in a better life. Charley Rockwell went to Rising Sun for the coffin – went in a skiff. Dr. Grant brought his mare Jimmy down for me to try. Charley worked half a day at the cistern. I got a letter from Patty and one from Sue in which she asked if I knew Jimmy D. was married.
- 28 Little Mary buried in the evening. A long, weary day. [I believe Mary was the granddaughter of Jilson Hawkins and perhaps the daughter of Ellen Simpson Ebberson. She is buried at the far end of the graveyard towards the river in the back row next to her sister, Eliza.]
- 29 Mr. Arnold came and paid me his sale note of \$172.25. He engaged me to pick the apples in the pasture he rents and give me two thirds. Mr. R. G. Cowen came and paid me \$63.00 and I gave him his sale note for \$66.00. He made a mistake in the amount of money he had and promised to send me the three dollars or bring it. Charlie worked half a day and finished cleaning the cistern. I got Mr. Arnold to write me a notice for Mr. Coons to leave the place. Belle proposed that she and Dr. Raymond should board with me this winter.
- 30 Mr. House came and began to pick apples on cherry hill. I went to Rising Sun with Dr. Raymond to take Sally to the dentist. Paid all the rest of McGuffin's bill, \$36.55. Paid Whitlock's bill for Mary's coffin of \$8.00. Bought Aunt Sally's dress shoes &c. Dr. Raymond brought two barrels potatoes from Rabbithash. Met Mrs. McConnel at the ferry. Got Aunt Eliza's shoes.

## OCTOBER

- 1 Belle went home to Aurora on her way to Cinti. I got up at five to have breakfast. Dr. R. took her in the spring wagon. I sent by her \$100.00 to Nina Cochran for her to give to Mary Cochran for me. I sent by her \$25.00 for myself and \$25.00 of the children's money to do some shopping for me. I rode round the hill back of Dutch Hollow to see about the wood John Brown said he would cut – and up on cherry hill to see Mr. House about the apples. I wrote to Sue – about Patty's studies & clothes. [This school year Patty Flandrau went to live with Sue Goodrich Tew in Akron, Ohio.]
- 2 Wrote to Martin Keller about wine. Mrs. Coons came and told me Dan sent word for her to get \$1.75 which I owed him for working the day they didn't put in the wheat, and for 1 ¼ cord wood chopped. I paid her accordingly. Went to see Mrs. Burns whose son Jimmy is sick. Went to Bellevue with Dr. Raymond and engaged of Boone Rogers 250 bushels coal at 20 cents a bushel. Bought 4 barrels at Corbin's to put apples in.
- 3 Got letter from Nina – in which she thanked me for Mary for the \$100.00 I sent her by Belle. Dr. Raymond went to Florence to the trotting races. I sent Jilson with the spring wagon to get some coal for the basket shop. Washed my sun bonnet, mended clothes &c. Late in the evening went to Mrs. Burns's to take a pan of light bread. Dr. Raymond came down and he and Mr. Cook changed the hogs into the next field.

- 4 Sent Mr. McGuffin's umbrella home by beef man. Went to see Dr. Grant who is sick. Told him about his mare's shoulder and he warrants it sound. Belle came home from Cinti. She brought Sally's ring.
- 5 Sunday – Went to church with Dr. Raymond. R. E. came home with me and stayed till after dinner. Sally and I went over to Louisa's afterwards. Mr. Arnold proposed renting the field with the pond in it to fatten hogs in.
- 6 Sudy Arnold came over in the morning. I cut out Patty's waterproof and Belle helped me sew on it. Sent some barrels up on the hill for Mr. Hunt to fill with apples. Picked green tomatoes and sliced them for pickles. It has turned cold and there is every prospect for a heavy frost.
- 7 There was a heavy frost last night. I sewed almost all day. Uncle Jilson had borrowed Mr. Cook's wagon and one horse and upset it on the hill where he went for wood – and broke the hounds [?]. It had to be sent to the shop to be mended.
- 8 Finished Patty's waterproof & petticoats. Made tomato pickles. Dr. Raymond pulled Sally's upper tooth.
- 9 Dr. Raymond thought of going to Cinti. today on the train – but didn't. Then talked of going on the boat but didn't. Belle has a bad headache. I wrote to buddy and Patty. Worked right hard but got little done. Went up in the woods to show Uncle Jilson where to haul wood from. Paid George Coons 3.50 for the wood he and Jim Loudon cut in partnership. Dr. Raymond measured it. Mr. Moody gave Dr. Raymond for me \$75.00 which he said Mr. House sent me for the apples he got on cherry hill. Dr. Raymond engaged Mr. Snyder to haul the coal at 2 ½ cents a bushel. Mr. Cook came up in the evening and had a talk about the sale note he sent Mr. Hunt's security on. Said he would bring Mr. Hunt to see me tomorrow and have some arrangement made about settling it. Ras Rice's oxen came home with the wagon tonight – he being drunk somewhere, and I told Uncle Jilson to turn them out in the pasture. Fast day and meeting at Middle.
- 10 Worked at cleaning up the house all morning and ironed collars. R. E. came and stayed all night. I went to church with him in the evening. Mr. Ben Kelly came and pd. his sale note of \$10.95.
- 11 Rained in the morning. Dr. Raymond came home from Cinti. late at night – bringing my new stove &c. No mail post office.
- 12 Sunday – didn't go to church. After dinner Dr. Raymond went to see Dr. Grant who is sick. In the evening Dr. R, Hilda and I went to church. R. E. came home with me and stayed all night.
- 13 Mr. Arnold came over in the morning and met Mr. Joseph Hunt and Theodore Cook. Wrote a paper for them to settle about the sale note of Mr. Hunt in which Mr. Cook is security – which paper Mr. Arnold is to keep. Hilda and I went to see Dr. Grant who is right sick. Edward Grant was there to attend to his father's business, so I paid him in presence of his father and Belle Hill and Miss Lou Prest the \$51.70 due on Dr. Grant's mare Jane which he sold me for \$75.00 and gave Edward his father's sale note for \$23.32 for the balance. Met Dr. Sutton in the road – he is expected at Dr. Grant's this evening to meet Dr. Jimmy Grant. Mr. Coons came and painted the kitchen and patched the roof on Uncle Jilson's house. Mrs. McMullen came and I engaged 6 chickens of her.



- 14 Belle and I and R. E. went to Dr. Grant's. After dinner we went to Bellevue to the baptizing – R. E. came and went with me – came home with me and stayed all night. Mr. House came and paid \$20.00 on the apples. We began to wean the calves.
- 15 Got letter from BBG – wrote to him the same day. Dr. Raymond went up to see Dr. Grant. Uncle Jilson dug sweet potatoes. Mr. Williams came and bought 2 bushels of seed wheat left 5 dollars with me as he was coming back for more.
- 16 Mr. Snyder finished hauling the coal this morning – he hauled 188 bushels and I only got 196 in all. I paid him and we settled up square. Mr. Arnold began picking the apples on shares in the pasture he rented. Sent a letter to BBG by Mr. House the beef man. Uncle Jilson went to Mrs. McMullen's for 6 chickens.
- 17 Went down to Bellevue and paid Mr. Boone Rogers for the coal, \$39.20 and got the bill receipted. Got the mail – had spring wagon mended. Sudy Arnold came over and took a music lesson and spent the day.
- 18 Rained all day. Dr. R. rode to Rabbithash to see a man named Smith for me but he wasn't there and he left no word.
- 19 Sunday – Went to see Dr. Grant in the evening. Saw Mr. B. there.
- 20 Charlie told me that John Wiesickle to whom he had sold corn gathered 7 rows in our field – 17 bushels – Underhill – the man who bought the horses at the sale came here to see if I wanted a horse – spoke to Dr. R. Mr. Moody and Mr. Hunt made cider – We put up the stoves in the parlor and Belle's room, and she moved in. Mr. Arnold picked apples for himself. Hilda and I went to Mr. Rice's in the evening.
- 21 We worked in the dining room getting ready to put up the stove. Mr. James Conner came and paid me his father's sale note of \$74.75. We went in the evening to see Dr. Grant – it was cold and a keen wind blew. I felt badly when I got home.
- 22 Got letters from Patty and Sue. I worked hard all day but felt poorly – went to bed with a headache. We got the stove in and carpet down in the dining room. It was warm all day – rained at night.
- 23 Cold and raining. I have a headache. Mr. Coons came and borrowed my only umbrella.
- 24 Hilda went with Mr. Huey to Bellevue. No mail put off for yesterday. R. E. came and took dinner. After he left Dr. R. and I went up to see Dr. Grant who was thought to be worse. Dr. Sutton, Terrill and I. M. Grant all there. Uncle Jilson turned in the for the old cow.
- 25 Sent Aunt Sally's dress to her by the beef man, and .25 to buy thread for it. Paid Mrs. Cook 1.00 for 5 barrels she let me have. Mr. Arnold brought the last of the Levitan apples I believe. We put most of the wheat in sacks and I had some put in the store room. Mr. Coons brought back the umbrella.
- 26 Sunday – Rained all day. I got a letter from BBG – he got back to St. Louis Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Got letter from Cousin Clara with my namesake's picture and one from Julia. [Cousin Clara was married to Julia's cousin, Thomas Flandau & lived in Rome, NY.]
- 27 Rained part of the day. Mr. House came and paid me the last of the 99 dollars on the apples – deducting .66 for 2 barrels I got of him. Gave Mr. Cook a note to Martin Keller asking him to send me the money for the barrel of wine by him. Cut out and began a nightgown.
- 28 Wrote to Patty. Mr. Cook brought me back the order I sent by him to Mr. Keller and said he could not send the money but would soon. Sent Uncle Jilson down with a

- spring wagonload of coal for the basket shop. Went to Dr. Grant's after dinner with Dr. Raymond. It was very cold and blew hard in our faces and snowed. The ground was partly covered with snow this morning. I sewed on my gown in the morning.
- 29 Went to Rising Sun with Dr. Raymond in the spring wagon – took 5 bushels of wheat and got flour for it and some unbolted flour extra. Bought stove pipe, zinc &c. to put up the stove in my room. Aunt Sally came home with us. It was cold and windy going down. After dark Mr. John E. Walton came and paid me his sale note and James Rogers's and the 9.50 he owed Dr. Grant amounting in all to \$65.10 – of which 55.60 belongs to me. Marion Noble came this morning to see me about Jake Coons renting the place. While I was gone to Rising Sun Mr. Morehead came and paid Hilda for me one hundred dollars which he wants me to credit on his note for his land.
- 30 Had my room cleaned and stove set up. Mr. Klopp came in the evening and talked about willows, baskets and the shop business &c. I got letter from Brown Resor inviting me to go up to his house and go to Thomas's concerts. Mr. Klopp paid me seven months pasturage for his cow and 2 months for his brother's horse. Jilson dug potatoes in the garden. Mr. Wingate came and told me to send for my share of the potatoes so I sent Uncle Jilson over and he got a spring wagon load and is to go back for more. Mr. Wingate spoke about gathering corn next week. Mrs. Hunt came down to see me about land &c. I put my carpet down. Dr. Raymond went up to see Dr. Grant and I sent by him the \$9.50 which Mr. Walton left with me for him.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Didn't go to Cinti. as I expected – on account of Dr. Grant being so sick. Worked hard all the morning. Caught chickens and put in coop. Made new pantry towels. Sent Jilson for another load of potatoes from Mr. Wingate. Found the front spring in the wagon broken. Went with Hilda to see Dr. Grant. Bought of Jilson three bushels of peach blossom potatoes for \$2.10. Got letter from Aunt Nancy asking for money – and from James W. Adams telling me of a man who wants to rent land. Dr. Raymond gave Coons the written notice to leave from me and L. P. Arnold this morning before breakfast. I paid George for the rest of the wood he chopped. Mr. Hunt came down to see me about making arrangements for another year and I promised to go up on the hill and look at the land and fences.
- 2 R. E. came to go to church with me. I didn't go on account of little Mary's and Eliza's funeral sermon being preached by Mr. Basset the black preacher from Rising Sun. There was a baptizing at the river and Hilda went to it. R. E. came after dinner and I went up to church with him and he came back and stayed all night. Belle and Dr. R. went to see Dr. Grant. Olly Rice took dinner here. Rained at night.
- 3 Edward Grant came just as Dr. R. was leaving for Burlington – it was court day – and got the things his mother sent for. Belle and I went over to see Mr. Rice who was sick and then we went to Louisa's – I was sent for to come home to see a man named Osborne who came from Vevay to see about renting the place – it was the same man J. W. Adams wrote to me about. It is a lovely day.
- 4 Uncle Jilson and Dr. Raymond fixed the corn crib – as Mr. Wingate is hauling my share of corn he hauled today 4 loads. I worked all the morning helping them and am tired – it is a lovely day. Dr. Raymond engaged 50 bushels of coal for me from Peter Zimmerman. Mr. Coons moved.

- 5 Mr. Wingate hauled 4 more loads of corn. Dr. R. and I went up to Dr. Grant's after dinner. Mr. Snyder hauled the coal from Bellevue. Aunt Sally went home. Got paper from Cousin William with notice of his arrival in N.Y.
- 6 Mr. Wingate hauled 2 loads of corn in the morning. Uncle Jilson buried potatoes yesterday and today. I left word for Mr. Klopp about the hay. Belle and Dr. Raymond went to Cinti. tonight and I sent by Belle \$200.00 to be deposited with Messrs. Wm. Glenn & Co. I went over with Dr. R. to the house where Mr. Coons lived and brought back the window sashes and some boards. Made preserves of the citron melon Mrs. Rice gave me.
- 7 Stupid day – made cake and did house work and can't think of anything particular to set down.
- 8 Went to Dr. Grants in the evening. Belle and Dr. R. came home.
- 9 Sunday – Went to church and R. E. came home with me. Went to church in the evening too. R. E. stayed all night. A. R. [?]
- 10 Charlie hauled the corn off the 7 rows that were coming to me. Mr. Moreland came to see me about the business of paying for his land.
- 11 Mr. Wingate hauled \_ loads of corn. I wrote to Aunt Nancy and sent her \$5.00. Also wrote to BBG and Patty. Ambrose Nelson came to see about renting the place.
- 12 Went to Bellevue and paid Jesse Dolph 12.69 for Uncle Jilson – pd. Mr. Snyder for hauling coal and act. at Corbin's. Went this morning to see Mr. Klopp. Mr. Cook came up to see about corn and the corn crib. The letters did not go Tuesday.
- 13 Ambrose Nelson and son came to see about renting the place – gave me his references and said he would rent it if I was suited and approved. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to meet me in Rising Sun. Went to Louisa's in the evening. Got letter from BBG.
- 14 Dr. Raymond went with me to Petersburg to see Col Appleton about Mr. Nelson – found the reference satisfactory. Went to Mrs. Graves's and dined. Stopped at Dr. Grant's on the way home – found him apparently better. Got letters from Mary C. and Julia.
- 15 Charlie hauled me another load of corn. John Walton came to see me. Mr. Klopp had a shooting match.
- 16 Sunday – Got letter from Sue telling me Patty has been sick with her sore throat – but is better. Went to Dr. Grant's after dinner with Hilda. Miss Robinson came this evening. It was a warm and lovely day.
- 17 Charlie Rockwell worked tearing up the old Coons house &c. I cut out work for Miss Robinson. Hilda went to Burlington to church with Mrs. Brady. Belle & Dr. Raymond went to see Dr. Grant, found him better. I told Mrs. Loudon to find another house. Sat up till after midnight writing a contract. Aunt Eliza [Jilson's wife] sick with phthisic.
- 18 Sent a letter to Patty. The ground white with snow in the morning. It snowed and rained all day, so that I couldn't go to Rising Sun to meet Mr. Nelson the man who proposes renting. I began to alter Patty's thick cloak for Sally and set up another pair of mittens.
- 19 Cold and snowing fine occasionally – the coldest day this fall. Went to rising Sun with Dr. Raymond – met A. H. Nelson – rented him the land and he and I signed the contract in the office of Judge Stewart, mayor of Rising Sun and I promised to give the contract to L. P. Arnold to take care of for us. Mr. Nelson gave me a mortgage on

- a pair of mules as security that he would come in the spring, which mortgage was sent to the Recorder's office of Switzerland Co. Ind. to be recorded I paying the fee 1.25. Dr. Raymond and Judge Stewart were present when the contract was signed. I got a note from Sue telling me Patty was much better, getting well fast. I answered it and put my note in the R. S. office. I got a letter from Lizzie Mitchell. Bitter cold.
- 20 Hilda went to the river to go to Cov. but the boat had passed by. Mr. Arnold took his hogs out of the field and took them up on the boat. I sewed. It is a year ago today that papa took sick.
- 21 I got a letter from Patty saying she was better – also a letter from Julia. Hilda went up to Burlington to go from there to Cov. I cut out work & sewed.
- 22 Mr. Arnold made cider here. I gave him the contract between A. H. Nelson and me to keep as I had promised Mr. Nelson. I gave Aunt Eliza her dress and flannel and Jilson his pantaloons and flannel shifts and drawers. Mr. Walton came to see me and got some salt for his hogs.
- 23 Sunday – rained all day. I got a letter from Cousin Harvey telling me that Sue has another girl born the 20<sup>th</sup>, a 10 ½ lb. baby. Wrote to Lizzie Mitchell.
- 24 R. E. came and took dinner on his way to Burlington. Poor thing – he had a stupid day. Sent coal to basket shop.
- 25 Had headache and felt poorly. Didn't do much. Belle helped cut out Sally's dresses. I wrote to buddy and Sue. A miserable day. I lent Mr. Hunt the wagon to take old Mrs. Johnson home.
- 26 Felt better – found 3 more large chickens dead. No mail came last night. Dr. Raymond went to see Dr. Grant – found him still poorly. I sent Jilson down for Hilda but the boat passed by and she did not come.
- 27 Snow on the ground and snowing when we got up – sewed. Ernest Grant came down & brought me three turkeys and Hilda one.
- 28 Got letter from buddy and BBG. Hilda came down from Cov. Louisa came over for a few moments in the evening. Wrote to BBG at night.
- 29 Sent my letter by Dr. Raymond. Mr. Arnold came and witnessed the signing of Hilda's compromise and so did I. I also signed a petition for the removal of Jesse Dolph and the appointment of A. Corbin P.M.
- 30 Sunday – Went after dinner to see Dr. Grant – found him better – sitting in a rocking chair with his feet on another. Heard the story of the killing of Mrs. Jenkins's son. Mr. Cook took his eight hogs out of the corn field.

## **DECEMBER**

- 1 Told Mr. Moreland about my needing money. Mr. Cook killed hogs today. Rainy weather.
- 2 Charley worked till nearly 10 in the morning fixing the fence & water gap – looked like rain. Old Mr. McMullen came to see me. Sent a letter to Patty.
- 3 Mr. Winston came down and spent the day. I gave him these sale notes to keep as he expected to see the gentlemen who owe them, viz., one for \$108.45, George W. Walton, R. Baudall and one for \$320.50, I. A. Kendall, T. W. Finch. Got a letter from Patty also one from buddy and BBG. Buddy sent me in his letter a draft for \$100.00 for the children.

- 4 My dear little Sally's birthday – she is seven years old, Lord bless her little life. Made her a cake – sewed – Dr. Raymond went to Florence. When he came back he brought me the note of I. A. Kendall received at 10 per cent. There was a storm last night of rain, thunder, lightning and wind – it poured down – by morning it blew off cold and clear. Mr. Cook moved to Bellevue.
- 5 Stayed at home and cut out and sewed. Got letters from Julia and Nina.
- 6 Went to Aurora with Ellen & Jim. Got buddy's draft of 100. cashed at the bank. The backwater was up and we had to ferry over Woolper – river high. Expected Nina but she didn't come.
- 7 Sunday – Belle and Dr. Raymond's wedding day – stayed home till after dinner and then went with Dr. R. to see Dr. Grant – found him better, and sitting up. It rained part of the day.
- 8 Sent apples at last to Mrs. Green – stayed home and cut out work & sewed.
- 9 The Sheriff, Mr. B. K. Sleet, came today for taxes and I borrowed \$40.00 of the children's money to pay them. Got receipts for myself, Jilson and Charley Rockwell. Wrote a long letter to buddy today. Belle Huey came and stayed all night.
- 10 Cooked and got ready for company. Mr. Garnett came and took Belle Huey home with him. Nina came in the evening on the boat. It rained.
- 11 Dr. Grant and Mrs. Grant came down to take dinner – it is his birthday and he is 57 years old. It rained so hard they had to stay all night.
- 12 Raining still. Dr. and Mrs. Grant left at 10 this morning. It kept on raining till the creek was over the bottoms and washed away the fences.
- 13 Mr. Cowen came and paid me 3.00 the balance of his sale note. Peter Zimmerman came and I paid him for the 58 bushels coal. Miss Robinson went home. Aggy Rice came.
- 14 Sunday – John E. Walton took out his hogs. I stayed at home all day. Dr. R. rode to East Bend. No mail came last night. A lovely day.
- 15 Stayed home and sewed. Uncle Jilson hauled some rails on a slide to fix the fence with – a bright pretty day.
- 16 I went to Scott Rice's to ask him about the line fence. Charlie Rockwell worked fixing the fence at the creek. I rode round to see the damage done by the high water and to give Charlie directions about the fence. Uncle Jilson helped some in the evening. Mr. Lawrence Pope came and paid me 20 dollars of the 22 he owed on the sale and said Charley Rockwell owed him two dollars and so I let him keep the two dollars and charged it to Charley. Nina went to Bellevue to take the night boat for Louisville but didn't get off.
- 17 Mr. Jim Conner came to see me about renting the pasture. I got a letter from Patty telling me Sue's baby is named Alice and one from Sue. I went down to the river with Nina and Belle and Sally went – the river is very high. By sundown or after the boat came by and Nina got on, Dr. Raymond went to Rising Sun.
- 18 Charlie Rockwell worked fixing the fences. Dr. Raymond bought for me of James Conner 6 hogs weighing 1195 lbs. at 4.50 – and drove them out home. It rained again after dinner. I sewed.
- 19 I sewed. Took papa's chair to the shop to be bottomed.
- 20 Uncle Jilson took Hilda to Bellevue to pack the orphan box. Sent a letter to BBG.

- 21 Sunday – A year ago today papa died. It doesn't seem the shortest day in the year. I got a letter from buddy about the children's land in Mo. which I answered the same night. Got letter from Julia and a postal card from Patty. Went with Belle and Dr. R. to Dr. Grant's – found him gone to Petersburg.
- 22 Went to Mr. Moreland's and bought of him 2 hogs which he ---- at 325 lbs. at \$4.50 and he drove them down the same day. I went to Bellevue and engaged Mr. Cook to come out to kill hogs tomorrow. Went to Louisa's. Belle and Dr. R. went to Cincinnati.
- 23 Mr. Cook, Charlie and Jim Merrick killed hogs today. They killed 7 – the 6 I bought of Jim Conner and one of those I bought of Mr. Moreland. I sent a letter to Patty. Mr. Jim Rogers came to ask me to let Mr. Walton put some of his own corn in the lower crib. Belle and Dr. R. came down from Cinti. Belle got the cloak I sent for Sally and other things. I got a letter from Patty and one from Cousin Wm. telling me that he was going to send me a present he got for me in Paris.
- 24 Christmas Eve - one year ago papa was buried – how long it seems. Mr. Cook and Charlie cut up the meat and salted it. Ellen worked yesterday and today at the lard and sausage meat, and got the lard all done up. Belle cut and fitted the basque of my dress for me.
- 25 Christmas – a lovely day. Borrowed \$15.00 of the children's money to pay Uncle Jilson. Edward, Horace and Ernest Grant came down and stayed to dinner. Mr. Daniels also came and dined on his way to Bellevue. Mr. Klopp brought papa's rocking chair home with a cane seat put in. Sally seemed a happy child. I have been run off my legs almost and so bothered about business and a dozen other things that I could cry. Charlie worked in the hedge cleaning it and cutting.
- 26 Uncle Jilson came in and I had a settlement with him for the year and paid him 5.31. Then I gave him a copy of the account for the year that he might show it to whom he pleased and see that it was correct. I had to borrow \$5.00 of the children's money to pay him. Charlie worked on clearing in hedge. I borrowed \$5.00 of the children's money to pay Charley Rockwell. The ground was full of snow and it turned much colder. Sent Aunt Sally by Lewis Beatty 1.00 to buy her some coal. Worked on the basque of my dress. Melissa Mowyer came to see Hilda.
- 28 Sunday – Mr. Arnold came over to see me about renting the pasture or rather to tell me he would come to see me about it before I leave. Cordy came and spent the day with Sally – afterwards Louisa came over and told me a story that F. G. had told about me and R. E. which is a lie – but things gather so on the way in this country that it is not any use to worry about what one hears. Mr. Walton's son George turned his cattle into the stalk field today. The young cow was missing tonight. A beautiful night – bright moonlight on the snow and colder.
- 29 Dr. R. and Belle went to Burlington and I stayed home. Mr. Arnold came over to see about renting the pasture – offers \$115., the same that he paid last year. I sent word by Dr. R. to ask Jim Conner what he would give but he didn't see him. It was very cold. I made some custard for the black people's festival – and sewed a little on my dress.
- 30 Clear and cold – got a letter from Patty and one from Cousin William telling me he had sent me a present of a watch – so I will have one for each of the children. Sewed on my black dress. Uncle Jilson went to Rising Sun today – prospecting.

31 Not so cold. Stayed home and sewed on my dress. Lizzie Cook was here and said her father heard Mr. Walton had sold his hogs on 3 months time. I have been so bothered and felt so discouraged today that I have been right unhappy. Wanted to write letters tonight but am too tired and sleepy. God grant me a happier year this next.